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1. [] Received a call from Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who asked if the Agency could provide a briefing for him concerning the seizure of the two Panamanian registry vessels by the government of Cuba. Mr. Holt's interest has been aroused by the statements of Fidel Castro in his speech of 22 December 1971 concerning the incident and the confession of Captain Jose Villa Diaz. I told Mr. Holt I would relay his request and be back in touch in the morning.

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[] Accompanied [] OCI, to a briefing which had been requested by Messrs. Lowenstein and Moose, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, as a final briefing prior to their departure for Southeast Asia. Lowenstein leaves tomorrow for a side trip to Paris and will meet Moose and Senator Symington in Rome on Sunday. The briefing went well and no problems arose, although it was interesting that Lowenstein and Moose expressed the impression they had gained that [] was a fiction (see [] Memorandum for the Record and [] Speed Letter, both dated 6 January).

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